



Starcross
Parish Council

STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Starcross Parish Council held in Starcross Pavilion on Monday 10 October 2022 at 7.40pm

Present:

Cllr Hopper (Chairman), Cadbury, Lovell, McNally, Pegg and Williamson

Also present:

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

RESIDENTS' QUESTION TIME

The Chairman invited questions/comments from residents.

No questions or comments.

101022.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Rastall
- Cllr Allen
- Cllr Chase
- District/County Cllr Connett

101022.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Members were reminded of their responsibility to continually update their Notice of Registerable Interests and invited to state whether they have any interest in the items to be discussed during this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

Unforeseen requests for a Dispensation to be considered at this point only if there was no way a Councillor would have been aware of such before the meeting.

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

101022.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12 September 2022.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY by those members present that these minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of that meeting.

1001022.04 ACTION REPORT

The Chairman had circulated the action report to members. Most outstanding items were covered in the report to be discussed at item 7.4.

1001022.05 CRIME & SPEEDWATCH REPORT

PC Orchard provided a crime report for the month of September 2022 for Starcross and Kenton. 9 crimes were reported and 19 incidents.

PC Orchard also circulated a letter from the 'Diverse Communities Team' in relation to hate crimes and the related awareness week.

Cllr McNally reported that the Community Speedwatch Team was out this afternoon. 40 vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit. There is no further progress with the installation of the posts for the new vehicle activated speed sign. The team have now been issued with a bodycam. A mobile device will be available next year to take photographs (day

and night) of vehicles capturing images of drivers not wearing a seatbelt, using a mobile device etc.

101022.06 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Connett was unable to attend the meeting.

101022.07 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Cllrs Hopper, Chase, Zawadzka and Williamson)

- 7.1 **Financial Report** – members received and noted the financial report 12 September - 10 October 2022 and were asked to approve the payments listed (copy attached).
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that the payments listed are made.

- 7.2 Proposal: To grant SAFT £100 towards the planting on the sports field
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to grant SAFT £100 towards the planting on the sports field.

ACTION: To ringfence in precept
FUNDING: Section 137

- 7.3 Proposal: To proceed with the new Parish Council website and activate it
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr McNally

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to proceed with the new Parish Council website and activate it.

ACTION: Advise JKE Webdesign
FUNDING: Precept. Approve final payment.

- 7.4 To discuss the document 'Levelling Up'
Members discussed the document which had been circulated to them ahead of the meeting. It was agreed that the proposed projects should be grouped and prioritised and sub-committees should then look at the grouped projects and make relevant proposals to the Council.

- 7.5 **Action List Report**
There were no outstanding actions.

- 7.6 **General Report/Question & Answers**
None
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101022.08 PARKS, GARDENS AND FLOOD DEFENCE

(Cllrs Chase, Williamson, Allen, McNally and Rastall)

Committee Chair Report (Cllr Chase)

- 8.1 Proposal: To consider ways to recognise voluntary effort by individuals that support Parish Council activities around our green areas
Proposer: Cllr Chase; Seconder: Cllr McNally

Cllr McNally will look at the design of a certificate.

- 8.2 **Action Report**
There were no outstanding matters requiring action.

- 8.3 **General Report/Question & Answers**
Members received a verbal report from the Committee. In summary:

The swings have been vandalised again. Cllr McNally will tighten the bolts to make them secure. The police are aware. The Committee is not keen to go ahead with further improvements until they can be sure things won't be immediately destroyed. They are considering running an article in the next newsletter expressing their disappointment.

The Committee is ready to go ahead with buying plants for the underplanting along the Strand and in the Millennium garden. They have still not made contact with PlantTech but will continue to chase. Small bulbs, perennials and seeds have been donated and there is some interest in volunteer planting.

All areas are tidy and in good order.

The Committee is keen to make a start on wildlife area. Cllr Chase will try to get a drawing of the area and there are issues of flooding under the football area which need to be addressed.

The Committee would like to move the basketball hoop closer to the goal and turn it around. It is a very popular item and needs to stay in the park. A decent base area would be beneficial.

The fence between the play area and Bakers yard needs to be a priority as children are getting through.

Fencing of the park is still important in order to separate the play area but there have been less dog-related complaints recently.

101022.09 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
(Cllrs Cadbury, Lovell, Zawadzka & McNally)

Whole Council to Debate (accompanying documents)

- 9.1 **New applications/appeals**
None
- 9.2 **Decisions:**
None
- 9.3 **Action List Report**
There were no outstanding actions requiring action.
- 9.4 **General Report/Question & Answers**
None

101022.10 PAVILION & SPORTS FIELD
(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, Allen and Redmond)

Committee Chair Report (Cllrs Rastall & Hopper)

- 10.1 Proposal: To approve a retrospective payment of £11.99 to Cllr Rastall for the purchase of blue rolls for the dispenser in the Pavilion kitchen
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Williamson

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the retrospective payment of £11.99 to Cllr Rastall, as proposed.

ACTION: Clerk to reimburse
FUNDING: Pavilion cleaning

- 10.2 **Action List Report**
There were no actions requiring action.
- 10.3 **General Report/Questions & Answers**
None

101022.11 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

None

1001022.12 NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS

Cllr Williamson advised that the defibrillator to be installed outside Boots has arrived. She will now arrange for the electrician to fit it (free of charge).

101022.13 COUNCILLORS' PROJECTS

13.1 To consider holding discussions around the possibility of setting up a Youth Council
Proposer: Cllr McNally; Seconder: tbc

Cllr McNally explained that this may be a way of encouraging younger people to engage.

After discussion it was agreed that Cllr McNally should carry out some further research.

101022.14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

101022.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 14 November 2022 in the Pavilion commencing at 7.40pm.

SIGNED:
Chairman of the Parish Council

DATE: 14 November 2022

Note: Where a document or paper is referred to on the Agenda, this document will be available on request from the Clerk by emailing starcrosspcclerk@gmail.com

Starcross Parish Council Finance Report – 10 October 2022

Summary of Bank Balances at 10 October 2022	
Current (C)	£36,824.49
Pavilion Trading (P)	£9,931.71
Allocated Reserves (A)	£37,957.55
Total	£84,713.75

Income: 12 September- 10 October 2022		
Pavilion hire	£1510.40	P
Starcross Growers (Peppercorn rent)	£1	P
SAFT – trees	£207.60	C
TDC - 2 nd instalment of precept	£20,928.50	C
Interest - Allocated Reserves account (Aug & Sept)	£10.29	A

Payments for approval			
Clerk	Salary & disbursements (September)	£512.22	C
HMRC (PAYE)	PAYE	£1.60	C
Plants Direct (SW) Ltd	Trees (SAFT)	£789.12	C
R May	Installation of benches	£70	C
JKE Webdesign	Final instalment of website development	£475	C
P Harmsworth	Bodycam and step ladder (CSW)	£248.99	C
S Rastall	Blue rolls for Pavilion kitchen dispenser	311.9	P
T Greenslade	Pavilion cleaning, fobbing (September)	£182.50	P
Bramshaw Heating	Repairs to expansion tank	£888.79	P

Direct Debits: 12 September – 10 October 2022			
Natwest (15/9)	Bankline fees	£22.40	C
Opus (21/9)	Pavilion electricity	£54.30	P
Biffa (20/9)	Waste bin at Pavilion (rental & collection)	£57.24	P
Opus (26/9)	Pavilion gas	£18.06	P

Clerk (September)	Salary	Tax	Net	Disbursements
Salary	£481.25	£1.60	£479.65	
Telephone and Internet	-	-	-	£5.00
Using home as an office	-	-	-	£8.67
Mileage @ 45p per mile	-	-	-	£15.30
Quickbooks	-	-	-	£3.60
TOTAL				£512.22